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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Hideyuki NAITO *et al.*  
Serial Number : 10/751,735  
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For : APPARATUS FOR BINDING BOOT TO BASE PLATE FOR  
SNOWBOARD  
Examiner : Bridget D. Avery  
Art Unit : 3618

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 8, 2006

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed September 8, 2006. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, making this response due on or before December 8, 2006.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.